



Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse

Recovery Act Project Update

Indianapolis, Indiana

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Work Continues on Fire Safety, HVAC Systems and Restrooms

Recovery Act work continues on the Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse's mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems.

The new fire safety systems include sprinklers, alarms, and strobes that have been installed to match the historic character of the building.

Two new air handling units are currently being installed on the roof of the building. These units are part of an upgrade to the building's heating, ventilating, and cooling system. They are expected to be operational by October.

The northeast and southeast restrooms are now open for use. The northwest and southwest restrooms and the 1st floor northeast corner restroom will be closed for renovation.

Special efforts were made to retain historic materials including the original marble mosaic from 1903 in the restroom vestibules.

GSA will continue to coordinate with the contractor and tenant agencies during all phases of construction to minimize impact on those in the building.



The new sprinkler heads are designed to match the historic decor of the Bayh building.



A 360-ton crane was used to hoist two new air handling units to the roof of the Bayh building.



Restrooms in the NE and SE corners are now open, while restrooms in the NW and SW corners will be closed for renovation.

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